

From the Editors

Last year, 2010, was an especially productive year for *The Victorian Naturalist*. More than 280 pages were published, comprising 39 substantive papers: 13 Research Reports, 21 Contributions, and five Naturalist Notes. With the advent 2011, we hope that the content of *The Victorian Naturalist* will continue in similar vein, in terms of both quantity and quality.

A significant element in the eventual size of a volume is the number of special issues within the volume. In 2010 there were two issues that focused on particular themes. The highlight was the final issue, which was compiled in memory of an outstanding contributor to the field of marine invertebrates. This was a landmark issue, particularly as papers on marine invertebrates are relatively infrequent in this journal. To have published such a good collection of papers on this subject a rare achievement.

The production of a themed issue brings particular editorial challenges and demands but, at the same time, particular pleasures. Although long-term planning of the journal's content usually does not extend more than a few issues ahead, it is anticipated that at least one special issue will be forthcoming this year. This will consist of papers presented at the FNCV 2010 Biodiversity Symposium, the title of which was 'Melbourne's biodiversity – past and present'.

Once again, the editors welcome readers to what will be another year of interesting and informative papers.

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